

How Will New York Veterans Benefit from Schumer's Plan to Increase VA Health Care Funding?

As part of its 2004 budget, Congress authorized \$27.1 billion to pay for health care services for veterans of the American armed forces. The VA-HUD bill currently before the Senate, however, would only allocate \$25.5 billion in unconditional funds for this purpose, shortchanging veterans medical services by approximately \$1.6 billion. The Schumer plan would ensure that veterans health care is fully funded, bringing an estimated \$77 million more to New York than the current Senate bill to pay for veterans medical services. ***For a county-by-county breakdown of how Schumer's plan would increase funding for veterans medical services, please see the following report.***

The Capital Region: *Schumer's proposal to fully fund veterans health care would provide an additional \$5.75 million for medical services for the Capital Region's more than 90,000 veterans.*

County	Veterans	Additional Medical Funding
Albany	24,874	\$1.58 million
Rensselaer	13,910	\$884,000
Schenectady	13,146	\$835,000
Saratoga	18,915	\$1.2 million
Fulton	5,598	\$356,000
Montgomery	4,746	\$302,000
Schoharie	3,156	\$201,000
Washington	6,213	\$395,000
Capital Region	90,558	\$5.75 million

Central New York: Schumer’s proposal to fully fund veterans health care would provide an additional \$5.18 million for medical services for Central New York’s more than 81,000 veterans.

County	Veterans	Additional Medical Funding
Oneida	22,883	\$1.45 million
Oswego	11,501	\$731,000
Madison	5,784	\$368,000
Cortland	4,105	\$261,000
Onondaga	37,219	\$2.37 million
Central New York	81,492	\$5.18 million

Rochester and the Finger Lakes: Schumer’s proposal to fully fund veterans health care would provide an additional \$6.34 million for medical services for Rochester and the Finger Lakes’ more than 99,000 veterans.

County	Veterans	Additional Medical Funding
Cayuga	7,739	\$492,000
Seneca	3,199	\$203,000
Yates	2,425	\$154,000
Ontario	9,407	\$598,000
Wayne	8,251	\$524,000
Monroe	55,507	\$3.53 million
Livingston	5,465	\$347,000
Schuyler	2,048	\$130,000
Tompkins	5,756	\$366,000
Finger Lakes	99,797	\$6.34 million

The Hudson Valley: Schumer’s proposal to fully fund veterans health care would provide an additional \$10.57 million for medical services for the Hudson Valley’s more than 166,000 veterans.

County	Veterans	Additional Medical Funding
Westchester	56,183	\$3.57 million

Rockland	17,544	\$1.11 million
Putnam	7,404	\$470,000
Dutchess	24,002	\$1.53 million
Ulster	15,841	\$1.01 million
Sullivan	6,993	\$441,000
Orange	27,005	\$1.72 million
Greene	4,810	\$306,000
Columbia	6,526	\$415,000
Hudson Valley	166,248	\$10.57 million

***The North Country:** Schumer's proposal to fully fund veterans health care would provide an additional \$3.52 million for medical services for the North Country's more than 55,000 veterans.*

County	Veterans	Additional Medical Funding
Warren	7,167	\$455,000
Essex	4,651	\$296,000
Clinton	7,588	\$482,000
Franklin	4,582	\$291,000
Hamilton	737	\$47,000
St Lawrence	10,019	\$637,000
Herkimer	6,733	\$428,000
Lewis	2,604	\$165,000
Jefferson	11,322	\$719,000
North Country	55,403	\$3.52 million

***The Southern Tier:** Schumer's proposal to fully fund veterans health care would provide an additional \$4.06 million for medical services for the Southern Tier's more than 66,000 veterans.*

County	Veterans	Additional Medical Funding
Delaware	4,878	\$310,000
Otsego	5,505	\$350,000

Chenango	5,254	\$334,000
Broome	18,567	\$1.18 million
Tioga	5,196	\$330,000
Chemung	9,372	\$596,000
Steuben	10,398	\$661,000
Allegany	4,698	\$299,000
Southern Tier	66,868	\$4.06 million

***Western New York:** Schumer's proposal to fully fund veterans health care would provide an additional \$8.95 million for medical services for Western New York's more than 140,000 veterans.*

County	Veterans	Additional Medical Funding
Orleans	3,808	\$242,000
Genesee	5,468	\$347,000
Wyoming	3,942	\$250,000
Erie	84,516	\$5.37 million
Niagara	20,880	\$1.33 million
Cattaraugus	8,583	\$545,000
Chautauqua	13,695	\$870,000
Western New York	140,892	\$8.95 million